Abstract

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The present invention provides an HCV polymerase inhibiting compound having the formula (I)

$$\mathbb{R}^3$$
 \mathbb{R}^4
 \mathbb{N}
 $\mathbb{N$

and a composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of said compound. The present invention also provides a method for inhibiting hepatitis C virus (HCV) polymerase, a method for inhibiting HCV viral replication, and a method for treating or preventing HCV infection. Processes for making said compounds, and synthetic intermediates employed in said processes, are also provided.